

Editorial Comments.

Yesterday was the last day for 170 National Banks to get in.

A bull fight with John Bull in the ring may now be pulled off at Junes.

Congressman R. Y. Thomas, of the Third district, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

A movement has been started to eliminate the word "obey" from the marriage service of the church of England.

Senator Bacon left an estate of \$200,000 at Macon, Ga., and his valuable library. He gave a \$100,000 park to Macon.

It is lucky for the Confederate pensioners that there is one man they may owe without having to shave their warrants.

The Smiths are away down the list in numbers in Hardin county, ranking below the Millers, Browns and five other families.

A new postal order has been made that a letter mailed without postage may be carried to its destination, but double postage will be charged at the other end of the line.

Easter Sunday is three weeks later this year than last year, being April 12 instead of March 23. The extreme range of dates upon which it may fall is 35, from March 22 to April 25.

Southern California has just suffered the worst storm in its history, with a loss of seven lives and a property damage of \$4,500,000. Los Angeles alone suffered to an extent of \$1,500,000.

The local option election in Scott county held last September has been held void in circuit court, because 25 per cent. of the voters in one precinct did not sign the petition calling for an election.

The Legislature was not in session yesterday, in observance of Washington's Birthday, Monday instead of Sunday. The Glenn insurance bill will, therefore, not come up in the Senate tomorrow. It has already passed the House as the Greene bill.

Judge J. P. Hopson, of the Court of Appeals, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic renomination in the Third District. Judge Hopson has served two terms and the state cannot well afford to dispense with the services of so able and experienced a jurist.

Two bills carrying the amendments to the parole and indeterminate sentence laws, made necessary by the recent decision of the court of appeals in the DeMoss case, were passed by the senate Friday. Debate upon the measures consumed nearly all of both sessions of the upper branch.

Washington himself never observed Feb. 22 as his birthday, but Feb. 11 under the old calendar which was changed the year he was 21 years of age. Newport, R. I., on Feb. 22, 1783, celebrated Washington's birthday by ringing bells, firing cannon and decorating houses and its observance has been kept up ever since.

Villa, the rebel leader, claims that Wm. S. Benton, the English subject murdered last Tuesday, entered his camp armed and threatened his life and that Benton was seized, disarmed, tried by court martial and executed as an "armed prowler," a legal proceeding under the rules of war. Benton's friends deny this in toto. They say that Benton went to see Villa, unarmed, as he did not own a pistol, to protest against depredations on his ranch, and did so so vehemently that Villa engaged in a quarrel with him and finally either shot him in person or ordered him taken out and shot. The story of a court martial is not believed. Upon Great Britain's demand, Secretary Bryan has ordered a rigid investigation.

CREAMERY
SURE THING

Large Attendance at Farmers' Meeting on Last Saturday.

ENOUGH COWS ARE PLEDGED.

Plant to Be Put In and Business To Begin By April 1st.

The final meeting of the farmers in regard to establishing a creamery here was held in the rooms of the H. B. M. A. last Saturday afternoon. As Mr. S. L. Cowherd was unable to attend, Geoffrey Morgan presided.

There was a large attendance and three of the Fox brothers were present. After Mr. Morgan stated the object of the meeting, he made a call for more pledges of cows and about 35 were added to the list, besides others that were named who had cows which would be used for supplying the creamery.

Mr. Mike Fox then described in detail the manner in which the product of the farmers' cows would be received and the prices to be paid. His talk was very interesting and he satisfactorily answered many questions propounded by the farmers.

At the conclusion of his remarks, he told the farmers to go home and get ready to begin delivering milk and cream by the first day of April. He said that the Peter Fox Sons Co. would at once begin the erection of an up-to-the-minute plant and they would be ready to begin receiving their products on the day named.

The company is going to put up a building and install a plant that will take care of the product of 2,000 cows. Though they will begin business with the number of cows pledged, they expect the number will rapidly increase—bound to do it when the farmers begin to realize that they can make their cows bring them in \$150 per year each, which will be done.

Mr. Fox urged those present and farmers generally to go into poultry raising more extensively than ever, and agreed to pay them the highest prices for every fryer and broiler that was brought to them.

He very emphatically called upon the farmers to at once begin raising guinea fowls, which are less trouble than other fowls and are worth more money, as the game laws of every State are so stringent now that a quail or pheasant can never find its way into the cities, and the most pretentious hotels and high class restaurants are now serving guinea fowls for game birds of almost every kind.

To encourage the farmers in raising these fowls he said that the company would furnish everyone with eggs free of charge who would embark in this new feature of farm life. In five minutes fourteen farmers called for 100 each and they will be furnished as promptly as possible—early enough for spring settings.

The creamery, it is generally believed, will be one of the best things that has been put over by the H. B. M. A. for some time. The idea was first mentioned to Secretary Bleich by a cashier of one of the local banks and Mr. Bleich saw the wisdom of it and got busy and laid it before the Association. The Association caught on and the farmer caught on and finally the Fox Bros. saw the opportunity and the creamery is a certainty.

False Alarm.

The fire department was called to the home of Will Heister, on South Campbell street, Sunday night a few minutes before 7 o'clock. The department made a quick run, but there was no reason for the alarm being turned on, as there was no fire, only a fuse burning out.

OBJECTION
TO DELAY

Secretary Bleich Appeals To The I. C. Officials For Prompt Arrivals.

Upon the complaint of the traveling public, Secretary Bleich, of the H. B. M. A. has taken up with the officials of the I. C. Railroad the habitual tardiness of the passenger train due to arrive here at 6:45 p. m. in reaching the station. It is said to be the custom of the conductor to delay arrival until cars are switched and water taken, out at the "Y," which usually takes 15 to 30 minutes. Sunday night it is said the train did not detrain its passengers until after 7 o'clock. When the train arrives at 6:45 there is an 8-minute connection with the L. & N. northbound train at 6:53, but this cannot be made if there is not a prompt arrival. A delay of 15 to 30 minutes at the dinner hour is often very annoying and a great many complaints have been made to Secretary Bleich. It is believed that an order will be made for the trains to arrive on time and do the switching afterwards.

REV. GEORGE STUART

Will Speak at Clarksville Mid-Winter Bible Conference.

Several thousand people in Hopkinsville would like again to hear Rev. George R. Stuart, who was with the lamented Sam Jones for ten years, in one of his great sermons. Mr. Stuart will speak tonight at the Mid-Winter Bible Conference in Clarksville. The session opened yesterday and will continue during the week.

REV. J. J. GENTRY

State Secretary of Sunday School Board Preached Sunday.

Rev. J. J. Gentry, Secretary of the State Sunday School Board, preached a strong sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. He was formerly a judge in South Carolina and is a man of unusual ability and gifts as a speaker. His sermon was heard by a large congregation. He also addressed the Sunday school, 519 pupils and teachers being present.

Compromise Effective.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 20.—Mayor John Bushmeyer signed the compromise ordinance which will end the warfare between the city of Louisville and the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company. The terms of the compromise are that the Cumberland company shall pay all court costs, amounting to \$40,000, and refund \$137,000 to patrons for overcharges made in defiance to the Grinstead ordinance on the legality of which the long litigation was based. A large portion of the refund will be donated by subscribers to form the nucleus of a fund to build a public auditorium.

Encourage The Artists.

The Girl's Art Society of the High school will have an art exhibit in the school building three days this week, beginning tomorrow. They have several copies of many famous pictures and all should go whether they love art or not. Only a dime is charged. Help the young ladies in raising a fund with which to buy more pictures.

Frank Hoge's Valentine.

Frank Hoge's valentine arrived at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, last Saturday. It is a fine girl and has been named Eleanor. Friends here have received engraved announcements of the event.

MR. HOXSEY'S
VIEWS GIVEN

Authorized Statement From The Head of The Christian-Todd Telephone Co.

ADVERSE TO LITIGATION

He Declares that Rates Now Proposed Have Practically Bankrupted two Co's.

Vice President J. M. B. Hoxsey, of the Christian-Todd Telephone Co., has given out the following interview concerning the action of the fiscal court Friday in ordering the sale of a county franchise.

"Our representatives have attended several meetings of the committee which formulated this franchise, and on this occasion have been in almost constant consultation with them for the last four days. We regret very earnestly that the committee did not see fit to accept the proposition which we made to them."

"As a matter of fact, while the committee met us in a most amicable spirit, and were considerate enough to withdraw some provisions in their original draft, which would have worked a great hardship upon us, which fact we duly appreciate, nevertheless, the final franchise as passed Friday imposes upon the Company purchasing same, a number of very burdensome restrictions and obligations. It would lower the rates of a great majority of the country telephones, and the rates prescribed for country telephones, with the exception of a ten per cent mileage charge beyond the five mile limit, which we believe we can show is entirely inadequate, are the lowest rates in force by any company during the days when there were several opposition companies in the field."

"The committee appears to us, to have lost sight of the fact that these rates formerly in force carried with them the privilege of service with less than one-half of the subscribers in Christian county; whereas the Christian-Todd Telephone company is giving connection to all subscribers who can be reached by telephone in Christian county. These rates, as I am informed, practically bankrupted two of the telephone companies formerly giving service in Christian county, and there is no reason that I know of to believe that we can give over twice as much service for the same rate as they did, without meeting the same fate."

"We were very anxious to avoid litigation in this matter and to that end offered to the committee a compromise without prejudice to our legal rights, which compromise, had they accepted it, would have insured service to the people of Christian county for at least three years, for some \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year less than the rates which we believe we can show to be fair and just. While this is a heavy price to pay, we were willing to pay it for the sake of avoiding litigation with our patrons. We distinctly preferred, if allowed to do so, to live in peace and amity in Christian county, rather than to air our differences in the courts."

"The most difficult feature of the committee's action for us to understand is that refusing us the necessary time to place before them information which seems to us necessary in order that a fair conclusion might be arrived at, inasmuch as the committee declined to accept our statements, based on our general knowledge and experience of the business. It was impossible for us to foresee that the committee would not accept these statements, and impossible for us to foresee just what direction their request for information would take, and I am satisfied that had they granted this request there would have been no

DISEASE IS
MYSTERIOUS

That is Carrying Off The Hogs At The State Hospital-- Not Pneumonia.

Steward W. J. Chiles, of the Western State Hospital, says the disease that is carrying off the hogs at the institution is not pneumonia. The hogs were treated with cholera serum and are not dying of cholera. They get sick and live or three weeks, gradually growing weaker, when they die. The disease is not understood and Dr. Mumma, the expert, who inspected the hogs recently, with Mr. Morgan, said he did not know what the trouble was.

The hogs are kept in a stock barn with a concrete floor but it is well supplied with straw beds, wind shields and other facilities for making the hogs warm and comfortable in the severest weather. They have not been exposed in any way to cause pneumonia, Mr. Chiles says, and the disease that has killed about one-third of the herd is still causing the hogs to die and he is anxious to find out what it is.

ON KIRKMANVILLE ROAD.

King Log Drag Is Started To Work With Good Results.

F. B. McCown, John M. Rice and other farmers living on the Kirkmanville road, near the Todd county line, started up a King Log Drag Saturday morning and finding the road in good condition for its use did fine work on a considerable section of the road. They are enthusiastic over the results that can be accomplished in improving the highways at small expense. The number of these drags is continually increasing in all parts of the county.

Weather Not a Bar.

The work of putting in position the large steel material for the floor of the postoffice was begun Thursday last. Weather is hardly a bar to any work for the contractors. When the weather does allow one kind of work they put on a force at something else, and it is probable that the contractors will be able to carry out their determination to complete the building by Thanksgiving Day.

difficulty in arriving at a ground of common agreement. With all these facts before us, and with the fair disposition manifested on the part of the committee, I am sure that we would either have agreed with them, or they would have agreed with us, and inasmuch as we offered to give bond if such delay were granted to the effect that any rates which went into effect finally, should be retroactive, to January 1st, 1914, and that any charges over the rates finally adopted would be refunded to the subscribers from January 1st, to 1914, within thirty days after such rates should have been finally adopted, we do not see that anything could have been lost to the people of the county by granting us this delay.

"While I feel that the committee was not sufficiently informed in recommending the franchise, which they did, I wish to express my appreciation of the fairness of the committee from their point of view, with the information before them, and I feel that any injustice which the franchise recommended gives to us was of intentional on their part."

"If, as I fear, we are forced into litigation as a result of the offer for sale of their franchise, I trust our patrons will feel that we are not fighting them but we are merely trying to find out in an amicable spirit just what our rights are."

CURCUIT
COURT BEGINS

Grand and Petit Juries Selected, Grand Jury Charged.

VERY LARGE DOCKET.

Charge to Jury Was Most Impressive and Duty Defined.

Circuit Judge Hanbery opened a six weeks' term of his court yesterday, with the largest docket during his term of office. The judge took the bench at 9 o'clock and called the common law appearance docket. Many cases were set for trial during the fourth week of the term, some were continued and others passed. After this the court proceeded to the selection of the grand jury and 24 petit jurors. This being done the court proceeded to deliver a most impressive charge to the grand jury. The court impressed upon the jury their duty, under their oaths to make most diligent search into many cases of violation of law in the county, running through the calendar from top to bottom.

There are 65 commonwealth cases on the docket and these will commence, according to the arrangement of the docket, the first week or more of the term. There are 49 continued common law cases, 61 new common law cases and 93 cases on the equity docket.

At one o'clock the case of the Commonwealth vs. Clinton Pitzer, indicted for carrying concealed a deadly weapon, was taken up for trial. After hearing the evidence the case was given to the jury without argument and in about five minutes they rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The next case called was the Commonwealth vs. Nathaniel Wootton, indicted for shooting and wounding in sudden heat and passion. The trial began at 2:05. There are quiet a number of witnesses on each side and the remainder of the afternoon was taken up in hearing the evidence.

The juries were empanelled as follows:

GRAND—E. T. Stegar, Foreman, Sam Wright, F. B. Wagner, John T. East, A. E. P'Pool, J. J. Sherrill, Lon Tensley, W. L. Caudle, Q. F. Combs, James Rogers, O. M. Wilson, and J. D. Capps.

PETIT—P. C. Craws, C. A. Carter, J. E. Payne, W. T. Hopper, A. C. Joiner, Howard Brame, A. E. Word, Basil Roberts, S. H. King, D. J. McCord, J. H. Murphey, J. T. Stegar, J. E. King, O. H. Milton, C. R. Bouldin, J. F. Taylor, Walter Goode, W. S. Harned, Jouett Adams, H. T. Mays, B. P. Eubanks, H. H. Lindsey, George Bradley, and J. M. Miller.

AMATEURS SCORE SUCCESS

Charming Presentation of "A Rival By Request."

The presentation of the play "A Rival By Request," by High school pupils Friday night was a big success.

The play was a funny farce comedy, with many ludicrous incidents, and something happening all the time. The characters were assumed by Thomas Underwood, Jack Tandy, Wm. McCarroll, Macon Abbott, Jim Moss and Edward Moseley and by Misses Brenda Neblett, Florine Rives, Elizabeth Lackey, Virginia Pursley and Lucy Wilson.

The play was coached by Miss Virginia Williamson and the young people, without exception, met every requirement of their parts. Where all did so well, it is impossible to particularize.